

BELIEVES PEACE NEAR EFFECT ON THE MARKET

President Convinced Interchange of Views Would Clear Way for Holding Early Conference.

President Wilson has appealed to all the belligerents to discuss terms of peace.

Without actually proposing peace or offering mediation, the President has sent formal notes to the governments of all the warring nations suggesting that "an early occasion be sought to call out from the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future as would make it possible frankly to compare them."

Wholly without notice and entirely contrary to what Administration officials have described as his course the President last night dispatched the notes to all the belligerents and to all the neutrals for their information.

The following are the chief points in the President's plea:

The President hopes that the belligerents will take under consideration his suggestions as coming not only from a friend, but from the representative of a neutral nation whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war, and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard those interests if the war is to continue.

All the belligerents are asked to avow their views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future.

He directs attention to the fact that the objects which the statesmen of the belligerents have in mind virtually are the same as stated by them in general terms.

The President points out that each side claims it wants weak peoples and nations protected and rival leagues to preserve an uncertain balance of power made impossible.

In such measures to preserve the peace of the world the United States is said by the President to be as vitally and directly interested as any of the nations now at war.

In preserving the rights of weaker nations the United States is said to have as quick and ardent an interest as any peoples or governments.

The President points out that the United States cannot cooperate in maintaining world peace and protecting smaller nations until the war ends.

He points out that if only war to complete exhaustion and further sacrifices of millions of lives is the object of the belligerents, then hopes of peace and of the willing concert of free peoples will be rendered vain and idle.

The President declares that no nation in the civilized world can be said to stand outside the influence of the war or to be safe against its disturbing effects.

The general terms of both sides, the President says, seem the same, and then points out that the world has been left to conjecture what definite results, what actual exchange of guarantees, what political or territorial changes or readjustments, what stage of military success even would bring the war to an end.

The President points out that he is not proposing peace or even offering mediation, but asks merely that soundings be taken, and says he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world.

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New York Exchange Breaks Two to Thirteen Points as Speculators Become Frightened.

New York, Dec. 21.—The stock market today broke two to thirteen points, as bear traders and frightened speculators dumped stocks into the exchange in the belief that the cause of peace had been advanced by President Wilson's message to the belligerent powers.

The break on the opening today was a shade less than that of yesterday, when insiders in Wall Street were in possession of information regarding Wilson's action.

Today's losses were added to a four to fourteen point break of yesterday, and followed a week during which prices have tumbled day after day.

United States Steel broke 3 1-2 points to 104 1-2, making its loss since Chancellor Hollweg proposed peace December 12, approximately, 19 points.

Opening down 6 at 55 Crucible Steel had lost \$28 on the share in ten days of peace discussion. Lackawanna, at 80, was down \$23 during the same period. Marine preferred showed a ten-day loss of \$20 a share when it opened at 87.

Professional traders who started the raid on the market in the last hour yesterday while newspapers and public were still in ignorance of the President's message, hammered the market again today.

The activity of the trading was illustrated by the fact that sales reported on the floor of the exchange bunched 50,000 shares of United States Steel to report its opening, the price ranging from 104 1-2 to 105 1-2.

The losses were materially increased during the first fifteen or twenty minutes, but the ticker lagged far behind transactions on the floor, and anxious speculators were never assured that their orders to sell at a given price could be carried out.

Soon after the market opened industrial Alcohol showed a nine-point loss at 99. Rails generally were not so hard hit as Industrials, but Reading showed a point loss at 105 1-2 and Union Pacific was down 1 5-8 at 146 3-4. Crucible increased its loss to eight points, selling at 53. Coppers generally showed drops of two to three points.

Anacosta sold down 1 to 2 at 83 and 82.

On opening sales Marine common broke 2 7-8 to 24, while preferred opened 3-4 up to 3-4 down at 88 1-2 to 87.

ARGENTINA APPROVES PLEA

Predicted Continent Will be Unit in President's Support.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 21.—Argentina is certain to support President Wilson's plea for peace. The warmest approval, expressed by members of the government here, was coupled with the prediction that the whole continent would be a unit in its support of such a step.

Officials were swept off their feet with surprise at the note, and formal comment was not immediately obtainable. Informally, however, they expressed the belief that the President's plea for a definition of the terms of peace on both sides was most timely, and seemed to have fair prospect of success.

POLICE COURT

(Justice H. B. Caton, presiding)
The following cases were disposed of this morning:

Georgia Morgan and Pauline Pinkney, both colored, charged with disorderly conduct, were sent to the workhouse for 60 days.

Ernest Fox, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, was dismissed.

Louis Williams, colored, charged with violating the prohibition law, was held for the action of the grand jury.

Jack Ryan, charged with being drunk in the street, was sent to jail for 60 days. He was later released upon promising to leave the city.

Jack O'Brien, charged with being drunk on the streets, was fined \$5.

Fancy Lemons, doz. 15c. Florida Oranges, 20c & 25c doz. Grape Fruit 5c each. Schuler Beef Co., Market.

According to the almanac, this is the shortest day of the year.

The Southern Society of Washington will give a reception in the Pan-American Building tonight to the Latin American Diplomats.

The Christmas exercises of the Sabbath School of the Free Methodist Church will be held Friday night, the 22nd, at 7:45 o'clock. The public will be welcome.

Mr. Edward L. Kemper, of the Southern Railway Engineering Corps located at Toccoa, Georgia, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Kemper at their home in Rosemont.

Dr. Arthur Vaughan Bishop, of Hollins College, has joined Mrs. Bishop for the holidays at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman, in Rosemont. Mr. R. S. Hoffman, of Arlington, N. J., will also spend the holidays with his mother.

Oseola Tribe Improved Order of Red Men lodge convened at 7:30 o'clock last evening in their hall, 107 north Pitt street, with a large attendance. Business of a routine nature was transacted, but there will be business of great importance at the next meeting and a large attendance is earnestly desired on the evening of December 27. After the business meeting there will be a surprise and all visitors will be cordially welcomed.

The local order of Owls, Alexandria Nest No. 1779, has elected the following officers: R. P. Whitestone, president; George S. Finch, vice-president; W. H. Thorpe, recording secretary; R. M. Prettyman, financial secretary; Raymond Lyles, treasurer; E. T. Ester, invicator; Raymond Lyles, warden; A. J. Gladwell, sentinel; A. M. Sunderlin, ticket; R. M. Prettyman, George S. Finch and E. T. Ester, trustees.

CLOSE CALL FOR KAISER

French Aviator Once Dropped Bombs on Headquarters of the German Ruler.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Captain de Beauchamp, the aviator who dropped bombs on Essen and Munich, and whose death has just been announced, on one occasion dropped bombs on the headquarters of the German Emperor, according to the Petit Journal. This last exploit was performed in April, 1915, when the Emperor was at Mezieres.

The paper says that the bombs fell directly on the house in which the Emperor's staff had its offices, and that as a result, the Emperor withdrew six miles from the city.

WILSON TO GIVE BIRDS

Provides Turkeys for 125 Attaches of White House.

There'll be a nice fat Christmas turkey in the home of every White House attaché.

Following a custom he adopted when he came to the White House, President Wilson has ordered a bird for each of his employees, 125 in all.

CARRIED THREE QUARTS.

Negro Sent on to the Grand Jury for Violating Prohibition Law.

Early last night Sergeant Roberts had his attention attracted to three negroes who left an electric train at King and Washington streets. They carried grip sacks, and upon being stopped, the contents of the baggage of two of the suspects contained nothing save wearing apparel.

The third, however, seemed too heavy to contain garments only, and upon being opened three bottles, each containing a full quart of whiskey, were brought to light. The darkey gave his name as Louis Williams. He was conducted to the station house and this morning made to face the Police Court.

Robinson Moncre appeared as counsel for the prisoner. Justice Caton held Williams for the action of the grand jury.

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Alexander Doniphan, who has been attending the Augusta military Academy at Fort Defiance, Va., is home for the holiday vacation which he will spend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Doniphan.

The State Corporation Commission has granted an amendment to the charter of the Frank A. Steele Co., Inc., Alexandria. Maximum \$200,000; minimum, \$50,000; par value, \$100, Frank A. Steele, president; Ralph A. Steele, vice president; Edward Steele, secretary and treasurer, all of Alexandria.

The contract for remodeling the house at the corner of Columbus and Cameron street which was purchased by the First Baptist church for a parsonage, was awarded last night to J. D. Knight. Extensive repairs will be made in the way of new modern improvements throughout which are to be completed in about six weeks.

The weekly prayer meeting in the Anne Lee Memorial Home for the Aged will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The public is most cordially invited to attend these meetings and bring their blue books. The average attendance is forty and the three quarters of an hour services every Friday afternoon are well worth attending.

If you can sing, you are invited to attend the Community Christmas tree next Sunday evening up at the head of King street and join with the hundreds of others in the songs which will be rendered. And if you cannot sing, go there just the same and hear the children, boys and girls and men and women who will make up the big choir. Remember the time and place. Sunday evening six o'clock.

GLOOMY WEATHER

Rain Last Night Adds to Uncomfortable Conditions Caused by Recent Snows.

The weather moderated somewhat yesterday, which caused much of the snow which fell several days ago to melt. Last night rain added to the discomfort outdoors and later a thick fog set in which continued for some time this morning. The streets were slippery and also sloppy.

The Weather Bureau predicts northwest winds and colder conditions tomorrow. Considerable ice has formed in the Potomac during the past few days, which renders navigation difficult for sailing vessels. Steamboats, however, make their way through it without difficulty.

BERNSTORFF OPTIMISTIC

When Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, was informed of President Wilson's note to the belligerents, he said:

"Now I am perfectly convinced we will have a conference."

The German Ambassador did not undertake to say how the conference would be organized or where or when it would be held, but he was certain that President Wilson's note would have the effect of bringing about a discussion between the belligerents of terms upon which the war could be ended.

From authorities in close touch with the German Embassy, it was learned that Germany would be willing to accept American mediation if the allies should prefer that to the holding of a formal conference.

The suggestion was made that a simple way of arriving at a preliminary understanding would be to have a conference composed of three members, one representing the entente allies, one the Teutonic allies, and one the United States. The German authorities favor any sort of a conference rather than an attempt to settle the matter by public exchange of notes. It was pointed out that an exchange of notes would be almost impossible to safeguard the rights of fourteen nations in that way.

And Jimmie's Buckwheat, or Pancake Flour, 3 pkgs. for 25c at the Schuler Beef Co., Market.

Miss Sophie Tackett and Miss Emily Johnson, of Stuart Hall, Staunton, are expected to arrive today to spend the holidays at their homes in this city.

Mrs. Robert C. Powell has returned to her home in North Washington street after a two months visit to her daughter, Mrs. Louis S. Scott, on Braddock Heights.

Mr. Albert Bryan, of the University of Virginia, is the guest for the holidays of his parents, Captain and Mrs. Albert Bryan at their home in Prince street.

The Board of Tax Review held a meeting last night. It will sit again on Friday and Saturday of next week. Should nothing be presented for consideration, the board will adjourn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Calvert Smoot, 3rd., and children, little Misses Lloyd, Frank Wood and Kathrin Smoot and Master Charles Calvert Smoot, 4th., of North Wilkesboro, N. C., are the guests for the holidays of Mrs. Smoot's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Uhler, at their home in north Washington street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesley Howell have issued announcements of the marriage of their eldest daughter, Miss Louise Howell, to Dr. John T. Burkhalter, on Monday, December the eighteenth in the St. Francis-Street Methodist Parsonage, Mobile, Alabama. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. M. Dannelly, Dr. and Mrs. Burkhalter will be at home after the fifteenth of January at the United States Marine Hospital, Mobile, of which Dr. Burkhalter is the physician in charge.

PLANS HARDER BLOWS

Heavier Fighting to Come if Moves For Peace Fail.

London, Dec. 21.—An armistice will come in early spring.

That is the opinion of American residents here, who are well acquainted with European conditions and the feeling of the belligerent nations. One of them, who lived in Germany for years and has exceptional opportunities at the present time of finding out the true conditions there, believes that the Teutonic Powers will reply to Lloyd George within a month, so firmly convinced is he that the peace machinery is in full motion and cannot be stopped.

Further than this I cannot go, but this prophesy is deserving of more respectful consideration than the ordinary anonymous statement. The subject of peace is so delicate just now that even those well qualified to express an opinion hesitate.

The idea of attrition, as stated before in these dispatches, is losing supporters.

If nothing comes of the present peace maneuvers exceedingly heavy fighting is likely in the spring, not spasmodic punches here and there, but co-ordinated smashes calculated to give the enemy's dwindling forces the maximum amount of work on every front. Big sacrifices must be made, but the Allies feel they can better afford these than Germany, while their recuperative power will be infinitely greater should the initial price they pay fail to bring the objects for which they are fighting. A big initial investment is cheapest in the long run.

Twenty per cent was paid on the London market yesterday for insurance providing for the payment of claims should peace be declared by June 30. The equivalent of odds of 4 to 1, against peace is given.

Hilbut, red salmon, life fish, pollock, croakers, Jersey trout, lake trout and winter shad on sale balance of the week by Geo. E. Price and Co., City Market, Phone 321-J.

Veal Cutlets, 25c. Chops, 20c per lb. Sirloin Steak, 20c. Tenderloin 22c. Schuler Beef Co., Market.

UNITED STATES COURT DEATH OF J. MATTHEWS

Suits for \$25,000 Damages to be Tried at the Term Which Begins in This City Next Month.

Considerable interest is taken here in a case which was argued in Richmond in United States Circuit Court, carried up from the United States Court for the Eastern District by the Southern Railway Company in a suit for \$25,000 damages brought by Mrs. Virginia McGuinn, for the death of her husband, Henry McGuinn, who was killed in an accident at Edsall's station, Fairfax county. The case was first tried in the Federal Court in this city last January, when the jury returned a verdict of \$3,000 for the plaintiff, under the Federal liability act. The attorneys for Mrs. McGuinn are Leo P. Harlow and Charles Bendheim, R. B. Tunstall, of Norfolk, and Moore, Keith, McCandlish and Hall, of Fairfax, represent the railway company.

At a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Louis N. Duffey, yesterday afternoon, James E. Keady, aged 18, was held for the action of the United States grand jury, which will convene in January. Keady who was arraigned on a charge of stealing an automobile owned by Kenneth Dove at Occoquan several months ago, is alleged to have used it in making a trip to the northern states, and was captured at Scranton, Pa. The theft having occurred on a government reservation, he was turned over to Deputy Marshal William S. Schoeni, of this city. It is stated that Keady had previously served a term of nine months at Occoquan, for joy riding in the city of Washington.

REV. DR. ALLISON'S BOOK

Placed on Sale in Alexandria Today.

"Vital Truths" is the name of an attractively bound volume containing sermons and addresses of the Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of this city, which was placed on sale today at Dyson's and Knight's bookstores. Among some of the subjects which are treated in a most scholarly and entertaining manner are "The Soul's Immortality," "Links that Bind the World," "Seeking to Excel," "True Worship—Its Influence on Character," "Glory of Womanhood," "Religion in the Homes," "Depths of Divine Riches," "Religion in the Fine Arts," "Faith—Its Power and Preciousness," "A Multitude of Witnesses."

Dr. Allison has the happy faculty of writing as well as speaking with a sincerity of manner which impresses either the reader or listener with the fact that he is thoroughly in earnest in the delivery of his message, and this thought will be found to stand out in striking prominence throughout his book. The volume is dedicated to the memory of his father and mother and the Gazette bespeaks for it a hearty welcome in the homes of the city as well as in those in other cities where Dr. Allison has held pastorates.

Help the merchants by carrying home your small purchases during the holiday rush. They will appreciate it and you will be sure of getting your goods promptly and also avoid possible delays and mix-ups through having the wrong package sent to your home. Helping one another is a part of the Christmas spirit. Let us all remember it.

Death Notice.

At his residence, 211 Prince street, at 10:15 o'clock, p. m., December 20, 1916, JONATHAN MATTHEWS, aged 80 years. Funeral services will be held in Hillsboro, Loudoun county, on Friday afternoon, December 22, at one o'clock. The remains will leave Alexandria on the Washington and Old Dominion Railway at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Maine and Michigan Potatoes 39c per pk. at the Schuler Beef Co., Market.

Old and Well-Known Resident Passes Away at His Home on Prince Street Last Night.

Jonathan Matthews, who during the past few months had been confined to his home on Prince street, between Fairfax and Lee, by indigestion, died last night. The deceased was 80 years old. The remains will be forwarded to Hillsboro, Loudoun county, tomorrow morning, and the funeral services will be conducted in the M. E. Church South, at that place at one o'clock, in the afternoon. Mr. Matthews is survived by two daughters, Misses Sophronia and Roberta Matthews.

The deceased was a native of Hillsboro, Loudoun county, and in early life he engaged in different occupations until the breaking out of the war between the states when he enlisted in one of the Loudoun county companies and continued in the service of the Southern Confederacy until the final surrender at Appomattox. He subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits, also in the huckstering business, and made frequent trips to Alexandria and Washington. About a quarter of a century ago he removed from Hillsboro to Alexandria, where he engaged in the commission business, which he continued up to a few years ago. He was also engaged in the spring of the year in the fish business at fishtown.

He purchased property in this city which occupied most of his attention in recent years. The burden of years began to show their effect upon Mr. Matthews about a year ago, and he had gradually weakened until he found it necessary to remain at his home. After taking up his residence in Alexandria he soon became a familiar figure in our midst, and he made many friends and acquaintances, all of whom will regret to learn of his death.

REV. MR. CAVNAUGH WRITES

Free Methodist Minister Now Located in Northern New York.

Rev. John Cavanaugh, who has been well-known in Alexandria during the past third of a century, is now stationed at Bainbridge, New York. He was at different times pastor of the Free Methodist Church in this city. Rev. Mr. Cavanaugh is probably the most generally-known street preacher in this section of the country. He is a native of Washington, but resided in Richmond for years. He is an ex-Confederate, having been bugler in Stuart's Cavalry. He often sends letters to the Gazette from other cities, and the following was in our morning's mail:

Please let me wish the people of Alexandria a merry Christmas and a happy New Year through the Gazette. I am in a cold region. The zero weather has come already, but it seems as though you can stand the cold better than you can along the Potomac. It's too cold to hold street meetings. I spend my time calling from house to house. The people are very friendly. No saloons to visit; it is a dry town, but I call at the stores and barber shops.

I am the same crank; don't know any better and don't want to; try to do all the good I can to all I can. Working while it's called today, for soon the night of death will come, when no man can work.

With love to all the folks in Alexandria, the Lord bless you all.
JOHN CAVNAUGH,
Bainbridge, N. Y.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Locomotive Brotherhood Chief Says President Will Force Second Measure.

New York, Dec. 21.—If the Adamson eight-hour law is declared unconstitutional, President Wilson will draft another which will insure railroad workers an eight-hour day. Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said in an address here. "The President intends to see that we receive the eight-hour protection," said Stone.

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PEACE HARBINGERS.

Peace sentiment is spreading in the world. There is no doubt of it, notwithstanding the brazen audacity of the belligerents. The fact that President Wilson has addressed a communication to the warring world to stop, look and listen, is a plain indication that his suggestion will be heeded. We do not believe he would have taken such a course had he deemed his efforts would prove futile.

The fact that the German Ambassador looks upon the President's movement with favor, is ominous. This able diplomat and our President evidently enjoy visions obscured to the world at large.

It has been evident for some time that the nations are becoming weary of war. It is unnecessary to repeat conclusions as to which country is responsible for the awful clash. It has come after forecasts running back for many years, and the parties to it, while in no way disposed to sacrifice principles in order to bring it to a close, would rejoice to see some avenue, no matter how contracted, to get out honorably.

We believe the time has come when both sides will listen to reason. The war has continued too long for Germany. That nation, it must be admitted, miscarried in its calculations. It was known two years before the war was precipitated that it had to come. But conditions were not as Germany desired them. She waited until she was sure of making a speedy conquest of France while Austria was keeping Russia back. The Teutons never dreamed Belgium would fight, but the little nation did, and halted the invaders long enough for the allies to prepare and win the battle of the Marne.

The drive upon Calais and Dunkirk, which cities were to be taken at any cost, failed at a terrible cost to the invaders, while the siege of Verdun has been practically abandoned, after the loss of many thousands.

Another year of frightfulness might not show that either side had made material gains, while thousands of men would be sacrificed. While the Teutons at present have made their lines almost impregnable, there is a deadlock, and this is the time, when the Frost King reigns, to listen to common sense.

LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH

The speech of the British Premier, free from bombast and arrogance, but perfectly confident and determined, simple straightforward and serious, was the only reply that a British Premier could make to the German suggestions of peace conferences unless his country was near the end of its resources and a collapse probable if war were not stopped.

It is suggested that Germany has not offered terms of peace, but has suggested peace negotiations on the basis of her present military position. The allies could enter into nothing of that sort unless they were actually defeated and had little hope of changing the situation. Russia, France and Italy had rejected the German overtures before Lloyd George spoke.

It is impossible to understand the attitude of the allies without recognizing that for a generation France, Russia and England have been afraid of Germany. France in particular, but in a less degree Russia and England, have felt that Germany menaced their national existence. The feeling may not have been due to German official expressions, but it was certainly due to plenty of unofficial expressions of a group whose political power was growing rapidly before 1914 and which did not hesitate to threaten the House of Hohenzollern. That Germany was at peace for 44 years signifies little, because it may have been due to the timidity of other nations rather than to the pacific disposition of Berlin.

The nations that now refuse the peace overtures of Germany are the

nations that have been looking forward for a generation to a struggle for existence with Germany as inevitable, and they do not intend to have a repetition of the experience.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Under the above heading the Gazette will be pleased to give reasonably space to any person who desires to make comment upon matters of general interest to the public. Writers will of course be responsible for their utterances. It is a condition of publication that the name and address of the writer of any article submitted for publication will be required in each instance.—Editor Gazette.

To the Editor of Gazette:

I was glad to see your article about the quality of gas being furnished by the city, and, as one of the sufferers, I beg space to express some conclusions in regard to the matter.

Today I visited the gas works to get a load of coke. I found the superintendent nearly worn out by his extra exertions to overcome the conditions that confront him, and yet when the matter was brought to the attention of council, the committee on gas tries to hide behind a "sick man" and inferentially throw the responsibility on the superintendent. Then other members of council stated that on another occasion better coal had been tried with no better results; but we all know that there is good, better and best. Why was the committee satisfied with good coal in making the contract, when they could have gotten the best? Did they specify that the good coal would produce the proper candle power gas?

Arguing from effect to cause, we find that all agree that we have a skillful superintendent and efficient corps of operatives; that we have a fairly good plant, and that this outfit has produced good gas. If so, why not now? Very obviously, as admitted in council, because of bad coal. There is a saying that is not very elegant, but to the point, "You can not make a silk purse out of a sow's ear". Let the committee that made the contract take the blame and try and do better. Get the best coal and relieve

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8:47 A. M. Daily—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations. Buffet parlor car.

9:11 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Orange, Lynchburg, Greensboro and Charlotte.

10:22 A. M. Daily—E. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points at which scheduled to stop. Coaches and sleeping cars to Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham, Sleeping car Salisbury to Asheville. Coaches for Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville, Greensboro, and Charlotte.

12:22 P. M. Daily—Local for Charlottesville connecting at Calverton for Warrenton.

4:52 P. M. Daily—Birmingham Special. Sleeping cars between New York, Atlanta, Anniston, Birmingham, and Augusta. Through first class coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car service. Tourist to California daily.

4:59 P. M. Daily—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars.

5:22 P. M. Local for Warrenton.

7:17 P. M. Daily—Augusta Special. Through train with sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Through sleeping cars to Asheville.

10:02 P. M. Daily—Washington and Chattanooga Limited (via Lynchburg). First class coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Sleeper to New Orleans, Washington to Roanoke. Dining car service.

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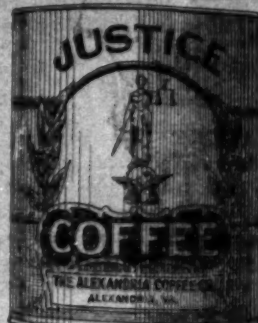
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ATTACKS REPULSED

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—Fighting has been in progress on the west bank of the Danube, nearly opposite Hirsova, Dobruja, between Russian and Teutonic forces, the war office announced today. Attacks on the Russian lines were repulsed. Outpost engagements of considerable violence also have taken place on the Dobruja side of the Danube. The official statement reads:

"Roumania front: Rifle firing and artillery duel are proceeding. In the direction of Rimnik successful operations are being conducted by our scouting parties. On the left bank of the Danube in the region of Parita enemy attacks have been repulsed. In Dobruja, on the right flank, fighting is proceeding between advance detachments and has attained more than the average intensity on our right flank in the region of the village of Cerna and in the center of the region of Umachea."

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The war office announcement last night states that the hostile forces after retreating to the northern part of Dobruja are again offering resistance. Several attacks were made yesterday by the Russians along the northern Roumanian front, the war office announces. These attacks were without success.

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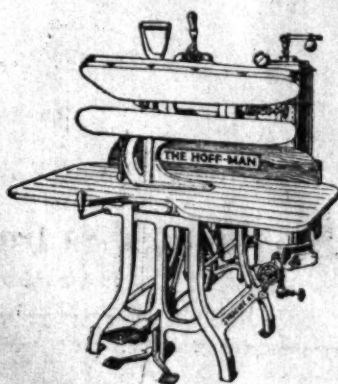
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EMPOWER HOLLWEG.

German Deputies Yield at Threat to Resign, Fearing Tirpitz as Chancellor.

London, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Zurich, says information has been received here from Berlin that Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, in a secret conference with the party leaders preceding his announcement of Germany's peace offer in the reichstag, was given full powers to conduct peace negotiations without further consultation even with the party leaders.

"The chancellor," says the dispatch "refused point blank to give any detailed particulars of his peace terms, although he stated bluntly that these terms would not take any consideration of the various expressed wishes of the numerous parties within the empire. When the leaders objected to granting the chancellor's demands for full powers to negotiate, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, declared he would resign unless his demands were met."

After a long argument the leaders voted the powers the chancellor wished, explaining later that they were compelled to do this owing to the fear that if Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg resigned he would be succeeded by Admiral von Tirpitz.

ANGRY NOTE BY GREECE.

Allies Accused of Aiding Rebels to Capture Islands.

Athens, Dec. 21.—A note has been presented by the Greek government to the entente powers. It reads:

"The royal government learns with astonishment that a large number of revolutionists, under command of sedition officers from Saloniki, landed several days ago on the Island of Sym, despite the blockade the allied fleet maintains, arrested all the high functionaries and many notables and committed every sort of outrage, since when it has continued to terrorize the inhabitants of the islands."

"Later a British warship landed a detachment and arrested the chief of police."

"The revolutionists spread their activities to other islands in the archipelago, where they committed depredations, made arrests and abolished the legal authorities, whom the government could not rescue on account of the allies' blockade."

"The government is most astonished to see the allied warships permit the revolutionists to perpetrate these acts, since by its reply to the ultimatum on December 14, the government

gave the strongest proof of its good will toward the entente."

The note further recites that the French landed at Zante, where they threatened a bombardment and that the allies are making preparations to land on the Sporades Islands and the coast of Euboea. The note protests vigorously against "the allied naval authorities' tolerance of the extension of the sedition movement and the occupation of the islands of the kingdom by the allied authorities."

London, Dec. 21.—The reception of the Greek note respecting the so-called revolutionary movement in Greece has occasioned surprise.



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ANNUAL MEETINGS

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, corner Wilkes and Royal streets, Alexandria, Virginia, December 30th, 1916, at 8:30 a. m. By order of the president.

A. S. MANKIN, Secretary.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairfax County, Va., will be held at the Company's office, Royal and Prince Streets, in Alexandria, Va., Monday, January 8, 1917, at ten o'clock A. M.

WALTER ROBERTS, President.

LEGAL NOTICE

A meeting of the stockholders of the Williams, Brown and Co. Corporation, will be held at the principal office of the Company, 128 S. Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, December 25th, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m. The purpose of the meeting is to amend the Charter of the Corporation and to provide for the increase of capital stock to the total amount of \$480,000, of which 37,500 shares of the par value of \$10.00 each shall be preferred stock, and 52,500 shares of the par value of \$2.00 each shall be common stock. And further to provide conditions and rules relating to said stock.

By order of the Board of Directors
JOSEPH H. SCHOENBERGER, Secretary.
J. K. M. Norton, Attorney 289.12.

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

First National Bank,
Alexandria, Virginia,
December 9th, 1916.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at eleven o'clock, a. m. for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEORGE E. WARFIELD,
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NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

The Citizens National Bank
Alexandria, Va.
December 9th, 1916.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m. for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.
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ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 9, 1916—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, the 9th day of January 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the District of Columbia Paper Mfg. Company will be held at the principal office of the Company, No. 111 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va., on Monday January 15th, 1917, between the hours of 12:00 o'clock M. and 1:00 p. m., to elect directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any business that may be properly presented at the meeting.

A. B. TOLSON, Asst. Secretary.
Dec 14-21-28 Jan-4.

LEGAL NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
The Smoot Sand and Gravel Corporation proposes to reduce its maximum authorized capital stock from three hundred thousand dollars to thirty thousand dollars, and the amount of its stock actually issued and outstanding from three hundred thousand dollars to thirty thousand dollars. The stock now issued and outstanding, having a par value of three hundred thousand dollars, will be turned in and cancelled, and in lieu thereof one share will be issued to the stockholders for each ten shares cancelled.

L. E. SMOOT, President.
Secretary, 14-15-28.

ATTACKED BY PREACHER

School Inspector Under Fire Before State Education Board.

Richmond, Dec. 21.—Following deliberation of about an hour the state board of education yesterday afternoon decided that it would under no circumstances consider charges against W. W. Edwards, school inspector of Waverly district, unless direct evidence to sustain the charges could be produced by the Rev. Mr. Moss, who today made charges seriously reflecting upon the moral character of Mr. Edwards. The board said that in regard to the charge that Mr. Edwards was "bricked" on the streets of Waverly the board

could not consider such a statement unless it could be shown that he received such treatment because of improper conduct; that the statement that Mr. Edwards had been assailed as to his veracity at a mass meeting in Waverly also could not be considered unless testimony was submitted that the accusation was justified.

As to the charge that he was called a hypocrite, this also could not be regarded unless evidence could be produced justifying the charge; as to being seen on the fair ground of Waverly at a late hour in company with show women, evidence must be produced that his relationship with such women was improper; that the al-

legation of leading citizens disapproved of Mr. Edwards was too indefinite for consideration in its present form; that the board cannot take notice of language concerning Mr. Edwards said by Moss in his letter to be unspeakable, unless such language can be sustained before the board.

Other statements of Mr. Moss are considered by the board as merely expressions of opinion and finally the board invites proof of the statements which are made by Mr. Moss. It is the consensus of opinion that the board would refuse to consider any hearsay evidence against Mr. Edwards, but will call upon Mr. Moss for direct accusations on every charge reflecting on the character of the accused. It is said that suit for alleged criminal libel may be lodged by Mr. Edwards against Mr. Moss.

\$170,000. HEART BALM.

In Half-Million-Dollar Breach of Promise Suit Jurors Lump Estimates, Dividing by 12.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 21.—Miss Nettie Richardson, 40, former cashier in a Pittsburgh hotel, was on Tuesday awarded a verdict of \$170,000 in her suit for \$500,000 for breach of promise against Henry Deniston, 78, millionaire recluse of Swissvale, a suburb.

The case went to the jury late yesterday, after being on trial in Common Pleas Court a week, and a verdict was reached soon afterward. It was sealed and read when Court convened this morning.

Deniston, who belongs to an old Pittsburgh family, and whose fortune is estimated at several million dollars of which half a million is in cash, lives in a little house on his farm, almost within the city limits, although there is a handsome residence on the place.

MOBILIZING OF ALL SHIPS.

British Monopoly of Ocean Trade Feared in United States.

New York, Dec. 21.—A desire of the British government to mobilize under one general head the entire ocean cargo carrying facilities of the United Kingdom for the exclusive benefit of the allied armies and the great civilian populations of the allied countries, is the reason behind the statement of Premier Lloyd-George that the shipping of Great Britain will be "nationalized," according to leading British shipping men here.

For some time, one of the representative steamship men said today,

all British vessels have had about one-third of their cargo space commandeered for grain. This space has recently been increased to such an extent that now the New York agent

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SHIES AT "REPARATION"

Teutonic Press Says Lloyd-George's Speech Means Eternal War
Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Some of the Vienna newspapers, commenting on the speech of David Lloyd-George, the British Premier, express the opinion that the rejection of the peace of

fer of the Teutonic Allies by the Entente is virtually certain. The Fremdenblatt says: "After Mr. Lloyd-George's speech the continuation of the world war is inevitable. Great Britain does not want to end the war until her aim has been attained. This aim Mr. Lloyd-George designated by the dark word 'reparation.' He obviously demands reparation for the fact that the Central Powers dared defend themselves against world enemies standing under England's command. Fate will now take its course and the day, doubtless, will come when Mr. Lloyd-George shudderingly will recognize that England, by rejecting the peace offer, has really struck its head into a noose with the rope in our hands."

The Neue Freie Presse, however, thinks that Mr. Lloyd-George's speech still leaves open the possibility that the question will be put to the Central Powers as to what proposals they have to make and adds that the declaration of the Italian Foreign Minister also justifies this thought. Commenting on Premier Lloyd-George's speech the Tagliche Rundschau, of Berlin, says: "Reparation could be demanded by England only if Germany had declared war on England, if we were to blame for the war, if we had committed crimes against international law and if we had been defeated."

The Lokal Anzeiger takes the viewpoint that Mr. Lloyd-George's remarks about reparation are of no value, inasmuch as nothing has been said thus far about peace conditions. This newspaper continues: "If Lloyd-George means to postpone satisfying Europe's desire for peace until the time when the Entente is successful in conquering Germany's armies and those of her allies, then the whole of Europe as well as Lloyd-George knows full well that this announcement means eternal war, unless it is in the power of the German command to bring it to an earlier termination than Lloyd-George supposes."

The Tagblatt says it prefers to await the promised reply of the Entente, adding: "For the present it appears that the 'gulf' is very great between Lloyd-George's standpoint and that described from the German side as the basis for peace."

The following is from the Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts: "Lloyd-George says that whoever wants to prolong the war will have a crime upon his soul. Do not these words imply strong self-condemnation, if England repeats the negotiations offered by the Central Powers?"

Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Petersburg, was crowded yesterday morning when Miss Lesie Beatrice Blick, the organist of the church, became the bride of the pastor, the Rev. Sandy Clay Owen. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. W. Moore, pastor of the Second Baptist Church.

CHRISTMAS IN ABYSSINIA

Plenty of Good Food Greeted Traveler in African Country.

A traveler in Abyssinia thus describes the Christmas dinner of 1900 given by King Menelik at Addis Ababa: On Sunday, January 7, being their Christmas day, the emperor most kindly asked us all to dine in the huge hall called Abderash, a building about 190 feet long, 90 feet wide and 35 feet high. All the ministers, ras and principal generals were present on the raised dais round the throne, while in the body of the hall about 30,000 soldiers were fed in two detachments. Our menu was as follows:

Milk and Rice Soup
Kabobs of Meat and Potatoes.
Omelet and Herbs, Mince and Artichokes
Fillets of Beef and Radishes
Kabobs of Mutton and Cabbages
Fried Brains
Fried Mince and Macaroni
Smoked Beef and Lettuce
Brown Rolls and Flat Bread
Coffee, Honey Beer,
French Claret, Arrack.
Twelve-year-old Tege and Champagne
After dinner we shook hands and, through an interpreter, thanked his majesty for so much kindness. He replied: "May the Lord keep you well and may you return safely to your own country. May you have good shooting and a pleasant journey through my country."

FATHER BREAKS NECK

Mt. Rainier Resident Killed While Helping Children Select Snapping.

On Tuesday night a Maryland family sat around their big open fire place, where a giant log was wrapped in flames. Outside the snow fell and a wintry wind howled. Five children listened to their father weave Christmas tales, and the younger ones clapped their hands when he told them that they were going to have a real Christmas tree. The mother looked on and her heart was glad.

Last night all was changed. The room that was so warm the night before seemed cold and tomblike. The mother, tense and pale, knelt beside a stiff form, stretched on a sofa. Five children, their eyes red from hours of sobbing sat and gazed in silence at their father's corpse.

Yesterday afternoon, William Hayhoe, a child of this family, went out in the woods, hatchet in hand, deter-

mined to cut a tree that could be used to hold the Christmas gift of father, mother, brother and sister. And William felled a sapling and proudly dragged it home.

George Hayhoe, his father, climbed a tree to aid the children. A half an hour later he fell from the top of a high limb and broke his neck. Hayhoe was a bricklayer.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Paragraphs Picked Up Here and There Throughout the State.

The British steamer Vendmore, from Baltimore, put into Hampton Roads Tuesday night to land a seriously wounded British West Indian fireman, shot by an Italian fireman. The man was removed to a Newport News hospital, where he is not expected to live. It required the entire crew of the Vendmore to subdue the Italian after the shooting, according to report of the affair. The Italian now is under armed guard on the steamer.

Dr. George Ben Johnston, 63 years old, of Richmond and Abingdon, head of the Johnston-Willis Hospital and widely known throughout the South as a surgeon, died in Richmond yesterday afternoon. Dr. Johnston was born in Tazewell county. In 1879 Dr. Johnston performed the first operation in Virginia with listerism, the beginning of antiseptic surgery. He served several years as a professor in the Medical College of Virginia and as a member of the board of visitors of that institution did much toward its success.

Eight ships of the Atlantic fleet were caught in a storm off the Virginia Capes last Saturday and lost for four days, according to reports reaching Norfolk from the battleships Florida and Utah, which were hundreds of miles away out of their course, to the coast of Nova Scotia. They were bound for Provincetown coast. All bearings were lost during the storm and none of the ships reached their destination. The wind reached a velocity of 90 miles an hour, and intense cold and snow added to the sufferings of the men. In the fleet were the Utah, Florida, Connecticut, Oklahoma, Texas and three fleet auxiliaries. One of the Utah's motorboats was crushed. One of the Florida's small boats was also damaged.

Five barrels of apples have been seized by Officer Smith at the freight depot at South Boston, because each barrel upon examination, was found to contain a ten gallon keg of whisky, and now fifty gallons of the ardent spirits are at the municipal building under lock and key. The shipment is a mystery, as the consignee claims no knowledge of the order, and is at a loss to understand why a Baltimore produce concern should have made the shipment, using the name of a local soft drink and grocery concern at South Boston. A "blind tiger" men were lost.

run by a negro preacher's widow, was raided by officers on Saturday and a small quantity of wine and whisky confiscated.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Definite assurance that the House will be afforded an opportunity, probably today, to vote on a proposal for a five and ten per cent increase in the compensation of District employees was given yesterday by Representative Page, of North Carolina, during the debate on the District appropriation bill. Mr. Page will offer an amendment providing a general salary increase to all employees receiving less than \$1,800 a year excepting school teachers, members of the police and fire departments and employees who receive subsistence.

Of twenty Belgians who had been sentenced to death by a German court-martial at Hasselt, eleven were shot last Saturday, says the Maastricht Les Nouvelles. Forty-four other persons were sentenced to various terms of penal servitude and 64 others ordered deported to Germany. The newspaper adds that another court-martial was begun to hear the cases of 192 Belgians charged with espionage.

The British house of commons yesterday passed a resolution presented by the government "that an additional number of land forces, not exceeding 1,000,000, shall be maintained at home and abroad." It was explained that no question of policy was involved, but that the colonial troops and forces of the crown exceed the 900,000 already authorized, and a vote was necessary in order to regularize the position.

Michael Ury, 30 years old, Newville, master mechanic, who had charge of construction work for the Cumberland Valley Railroad near Newville, Pa., died in the Carlisle Hospital yesterday morning from the effects of a blow from a shovel delivered by James Anthony, a negro. Anthony is in jail here charged with murder. The negro killed Ury following an argument, over the taking of the company's coal to heat the negro's shack. This is the second murder in the county and the tenth in this section in two months in which imported negroes from the South have figured.

SUFFREN WAS TORPEDOED.

French Warship Sunk by U-Boat and 718 Lost, Says Berlin.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—The French battleship Suffren, reported as lost in a French official statement of December 8, was torpedoed by a German submarine, a Berlin statement received here today asserted.

The undersea boat sank the warship on November 26, off the Portuguese coast, and the entire crew of 718 men were lost.

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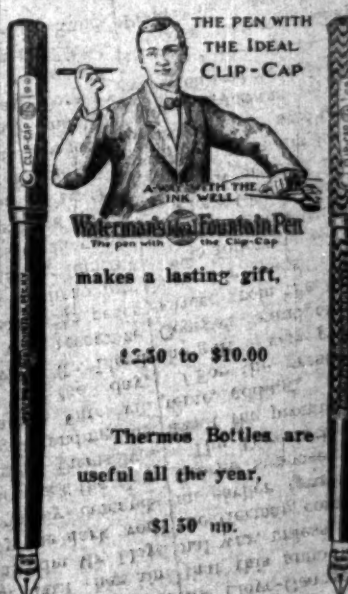
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